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## **Human Services Committee**

Support H.B. 6616

Thank you, Co-Chair's Gilchrest and Lesser, Vice Chair's Gaston and Dathan, Ranking Members Seminara and Case, as well as members of the Human Services Committee for raising H.B. 6616.

During the Covid-19 pandemic we have seen the importance of health care access and health insurance. Many immigrants have no health insurance because of their legal status and have difficulty accessing care, because of that lack of coverage. It is time to expand HUSKY coverage to age 26, regardless of immigration status so that all residents can receive preventative care, medication for existing conditions, mental health screening and treatment, and other necessary health services that allow for a healthy and productive populace.

Ensuring that HUSKY health benefits cover all citizens up to twenty-six years of age in Connecticut is an important step toward ensuring that no citizen will have to decline healthcare due to the cost. This change that will have a positive impact on the state of our healthcare system and our state in the long term by allowing those to get preventative care and not burdening them with debt. Thank you for your commitment to addressing this critical issue regarding the safety of our citizens. I support H.B. 6616.

Thank you,

Amy Morrin Bello State Representative